

**REMARKS**

The Restriction Action dated September 12, 2006 has been carefully considered. Claims 7-13 and 15-18 are pending. Claims 1-6, 14, and 19 are withdrawn in this Response. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-26 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 806.05(d). The Examiner identified three groups of Claims: Group I (Claims 1-6 and 14)(“drawn to a to [sic] processing unit communicating externally in a symmetrical multiprocessor system”), Group II (Claims 7-13 and 15-18)(“ drawn to a method of ascertaining that a count indication returned is within a predetermined range of values before attempting to retrieve more data”), and Group III (Claim 19)(“drawn to a part of a register, operable to transmit all data accumulated in said register in response to a single received read instruction”). Restriction Action, at Page 2.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the Claims identified as Group II, Claims 7-13 and 15-18, to prosecute in the present Application as required by the Examiner.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due; however, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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